

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING

February 6, 2024

The regular meeting of Public Safety, Probation, EMO, Stop DWI, Fire, & Safety was held in the Legislative Conference Room, at the Ronald E. Dougherty County Office Building, 56 Main Street, Tuesday, February 6, 2024, which started at 2:30 PM and ended at 2:57 PM.

Present:

Keith Flesher	Chair, Public Safety
William Standinger III	Legislator {Committee Member}
Barb Roberts	Legislator {Committee Member} Arrived @ 2:38 PM
Marte Sauerbrey	Chair of the Legislator
Gary Howard	Sheriff, Sheriff's Office
Brian Cain	Director, Probation
Corinne Cornelius	Deputy Director, Office of Emergency Services

GUESTS: Peter DeWind, County Attorney {Arrived @ 2:33 PM}
Cathy Haskell, Legislative Clerk

ABSENT: Dale Weston, Legislator {Committee Member}
Mike Simmons, Director, Office of Emergency Services
Bob Williams, Asst. Coordinator, Office of Emergency Services

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The *January 2, 2024* minutes was accepted with no corrections or changes

Motion by: Barb Roberts to accept the January 2, 2024 Minutes.

Second: William Standinger III

All in Favor - Carried

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES – Corinne Cornelius:

FINANCIAL:

- January YTD Report – Budget within

OLD BUSINESS:

- Radio Project – Sent out environmental questionnaires to be completed. The Sheriff's Office has received all their new portable radios. They are programmed and being deployed out. We are expecting a second batch of radios that will be programmed and deployed to Waverly and Owego Police Departments. These radios should increase the communication currently and can be reprogrammed to work on the new system.
- CAD Project – Info Tech (IT) has been working to correct the issue with the mapping feature in the NYSP cars with no success. This feature still remains inactive, which prevents dispatch from seeing their location. Legislator Standinger stated that Jeremy Loveland (from IT) has a connection with someone in IT at the state level that can help with this situation.
- EMS – no significant changes in county EMS coverage. The same issues continue to exist regarding manpower shortages. Spring EMT classes are starting. There was a TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury) class held at Public Safety on January 25th that was well attended. The Governor's State of the State included information on changes to EMS including working to make it an essential service. There were many updates on training, dispatch, and coverage within the county.
- Emergency Management – No significant updates at this time.
- FIRE – The year is already off to a busy start with multiple fires.

RESOLUTIONS:

- None

PROBATION – Brian Cain:**FINANCIAL:**

- Budget on track for 2024

NEW BUSINESS:

- Staffing – One open Probation Officer I position remains unfilled. Still looking – no interest.
- Training – Two (2) Probation Officers successfully completed their Basic Course for Peace Officer Academy on January 26, 2024. The academy includes the officers getting sprayed with pepper spray and completing a week of hands-on defensive tactics. Alfred State University will be having one in May 2024 that would be more towards what Probation Officer would handle this day in age. The Probation Officer would stay on campus, and we'd only pay \$50/week for lodging.
- In December of 2023, Probation received a Reward Notice from the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) indicating Probation was awarded \$60,000 to spend

towards the cost of providing Pre-Trial Services in Tioga County. Info Tech Director Jeremy Loveland is in the process of ordering iPads for each officer as well as administrators and one to be shared by clerical staff.

- Individuals under supervision for sex offense have begun enrolling in the newly mandated technology monitoring system provided by IPPC Technologies. County Attorney DeWind stated that Assistant District Attorney Mancini did a nice job researching after one attorney stated that it's the constitutional right of the probationer.
- Quality Assurance (audit program). Admin Staff at Probation have developed a rough draft of the Quality Assurance Program which will be put into place by June of 2024.
- Two Probation Officers and one Probation Assistant has been assigned to complete the Pre-Sentence Investigation regarding the arsonist with Tioga Downs.
- Juvenile Delinquency Services – No JD Appearance Tickets were issued in January. Will receive one this month from students fighting.
- ATI Programs – Electronic Monitoring – three (3) individuals being monitored via Alco Tag and GPS electronic monitoring system. Pre-Trial Release (PTR) – 20 people being supervised via the PTR.
- Court Ordered Investigations – 55 active; Supervision – 180 cases; and Violation of Probation petitions – 14 defendants/respondents.

PERSONNEL:

- One vacant Probation Officer 1 positions
- One unfunded Probation Officer 1 position

RESOLUTIONS:

- Appointment of Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) Board members
- Resolution to Approve a Grant Award from NYS Division of Criminal Justice for County Pre-Trial Services

***Committee agreed to move these resolutions forward*

SHERIFF – Gary Howard:

FINANCIAL:

- Revenues are at \$13,632 which is 3% of the budget. Expenditures are at \$687,618 which is 6% of the budget. Inmate boarders are at \$15,786 which is 11% of the budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Update on Labor Issues – NCEU (Jail Union) and the TCLEA (Law Enforcement Union) both Contracts language being finalized.
- Update on litigation issues – still on going.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Average daily inmate population for the month of January 2024 was 41. Average of 6 Federal inmates (186 days) and 1 board-in (40 days) for the month.
- Jail camera replacement project – still ongoing
- Next Gen 911 – planning phase
- E911 dispatch center upgrades
- Bundle UPS maintenance contract with IT

PERSONNEL:

- Update on vacancies – Civil Office – 1 open part-time position; Corrections Division - currently 3 open Correction Officers position; 2 Correction Officers out on military deployment; 1 Corrections Officer will be going shortly on military deployment; Road Patrol – 2 Deputies currently attending the police academy; 1 Deputy currently on light duty; 1 Deputy will be going shortly on military deployment; 1 Deputy effective today resigned and will be going to another law enforcement; E911 Emergency Communications Center – 2 open full-time; and all positions filled for Records and Administration.

RESOLUTION:

- Appropriation of Funds 2023-2024 NYS STOP DWI High Visibility Engagement Grant

***Committee agreed to move this resolution forward*

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Keith Flesher requested an Executive Session. Legislator William Standinger made a motion; Legislator Barbara Roberts Seconded to discuss an employment matter of an individual. Time commenced 2:57 PM; Time adjourned 3:30 PM with no action taken.

In attendance were Legislator Flesher; Legislator Roberts; Legislator Standinger; Legislator Chairperson Sauerbrey; County Attorney Pete DeWind; Legislative Clerk Cathy Haskell; and Deputy Director of Emergency Service Corrine Cornelous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Kallin
Secretary to the Director of Probation—February 6, 2024